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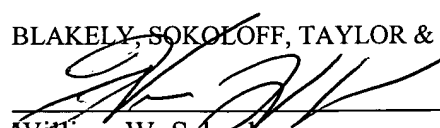
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Applicants are assuming that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is to be taken in light of the structure and interaction recited in the claims. Applicants note that the Examiner's various comments should not be used to read non-existent limitations into the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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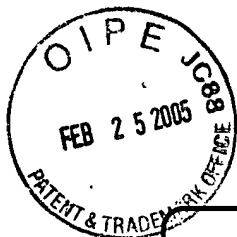
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
16	4** = 0	50.00	\$0.00
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Multiple Dependent			
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1203 360	2203 180	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 300	2204 150	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)	0.00

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1254 1,590	2254 795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401 500	2401 250	Notice of Appeal	
1402 500	2402 250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 1,000	2403 500	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	2451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1460 130	2460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
1809 790	1809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
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